

**ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION**

A method and system for processing input from a command line is provided, in which the command line contains a macro that gets parsed by a command line processor. The processor replaces the macro with the appropriate command and executes the command line. The macro may contain a message that the processor displays to prompt the user to identify the command that is to replace the macro. Other possible functions that the macro may perform include, but are not limited to: executing a function to generate a string to replace the macro, executing a function to generate another macro with which the first macro may be replaced, and prompting the user to enter the name of a dynamic-linked library (DLL) from which the replacement string for the macro may be obtained.